College Access in Kentucky

Where We are Today

And

Why We Need a Kentucky College Access
Network!

"A bachelor's degree is no longer considered a *potential* stepping-stone to a better life. It is fully acknowledged as the *gatekeeper* to a myriad of social and individual benefits."

Dr. A. Cabrera, *Pathways to*

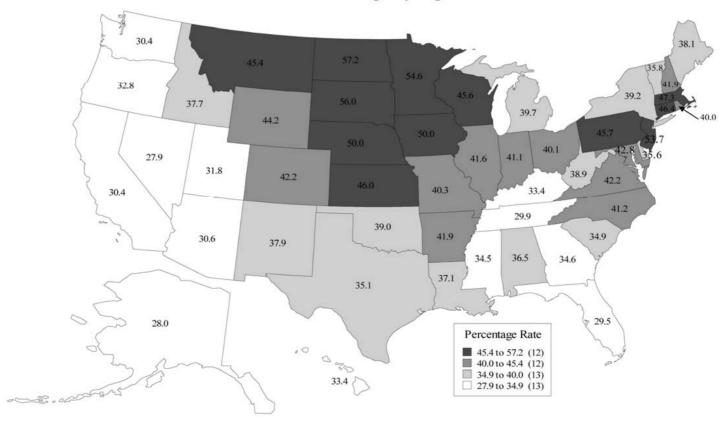
Dr. A. Cabrera, *Pathways to a Four Year Degree*. 2001.
Trustee-National College
Access Network

Economic Benefits of Higher Education

- College graduates earn roughly \$1 million more over their lifetimes than high school grads.
- Unemployment rates are 30% lower compared to high school grads.
- College graduates provide at least \$300,000 more over a lifetime in federal taxes.

Chance for College by Age 19 by State (2004)

Chance for College by Age 19 in 2004



Tom Mortenson, Postsecondary Opportunity, July 2006

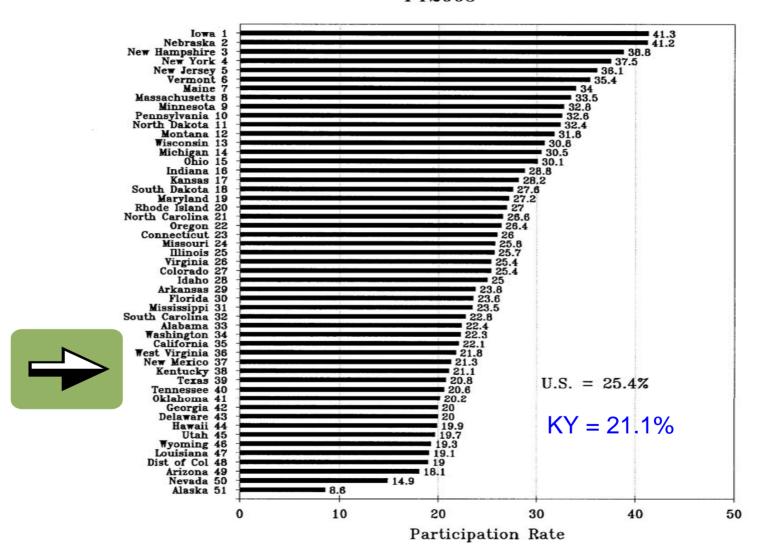
KENTUCKY PROFILE

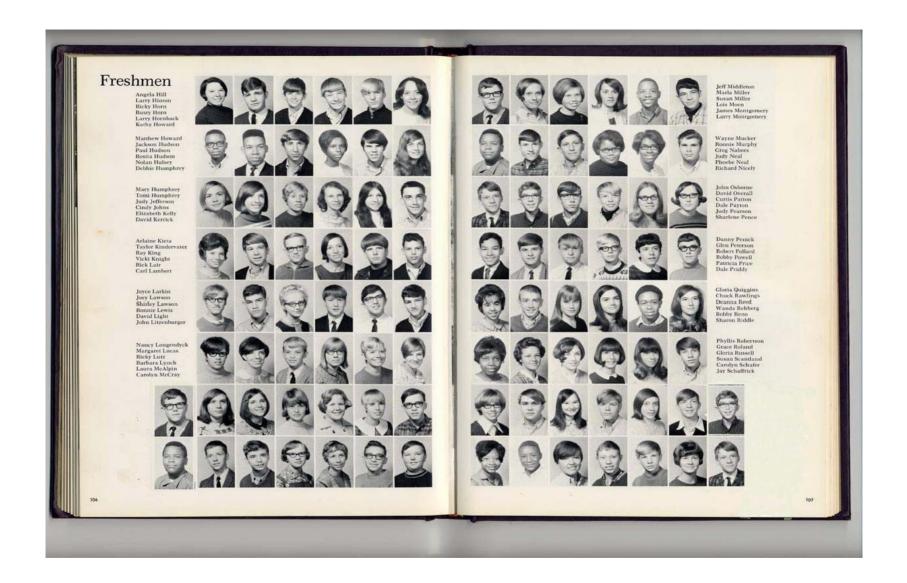
- From 1994-2004 the public high school graduation rate has dropped by 11.5%-only Alaska had a bigger decrease
- Chance for College by 19 = 33.4% which ranks in the bottom 10 in the country
- As of 2004, only 21% of your population age 25 and over had a bachelor's degree which means Kentucky ranks 48th in degree attainment.

Education Attainment By State, NCES, 2004

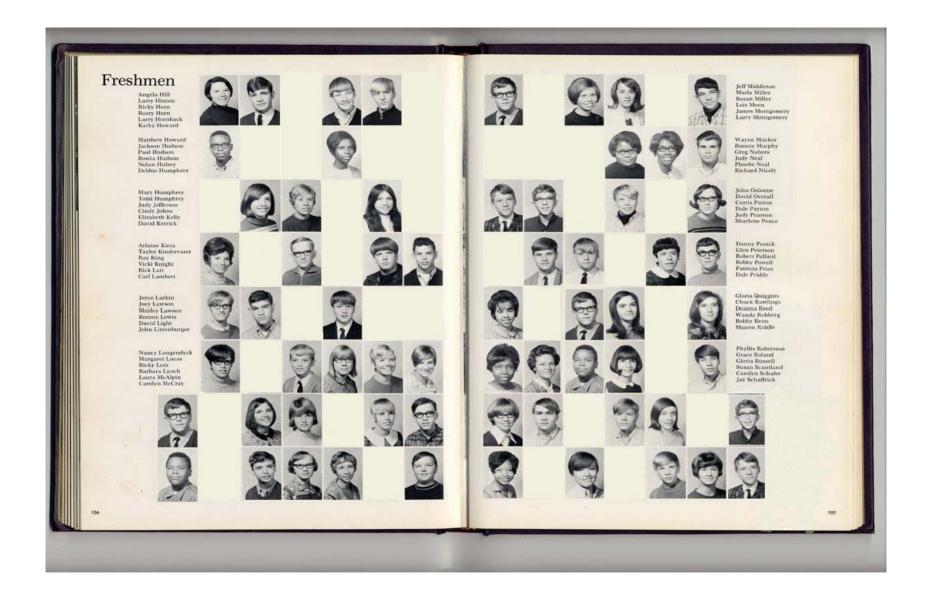
Source: US Census
Bureau/National Center for
Education Statistics

College Participation Rates by State for Students from Low Income Families FY2005

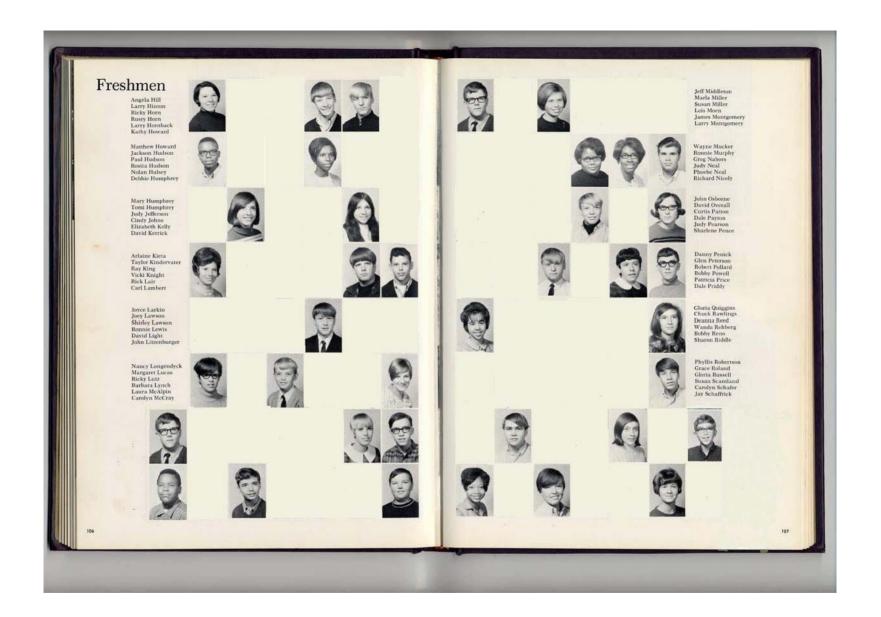




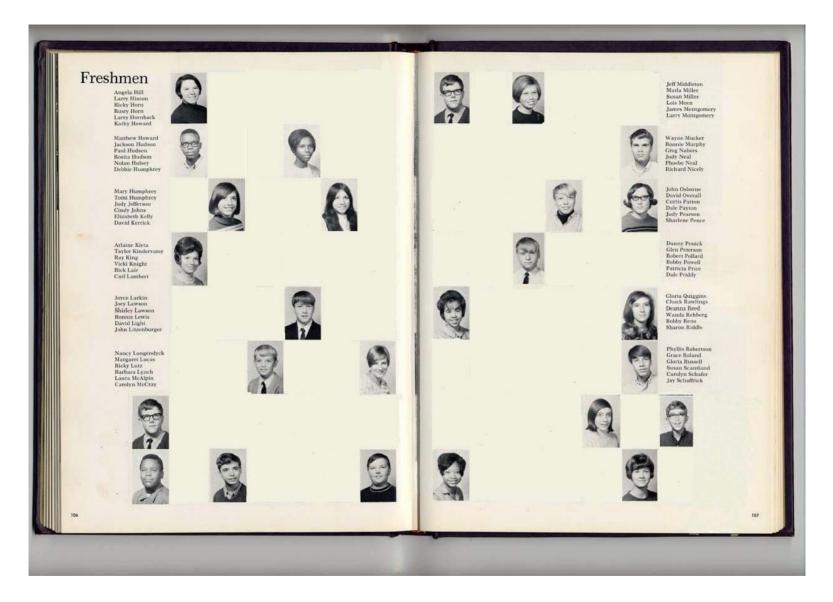
Out of every 100 Kentucky ninth graders....



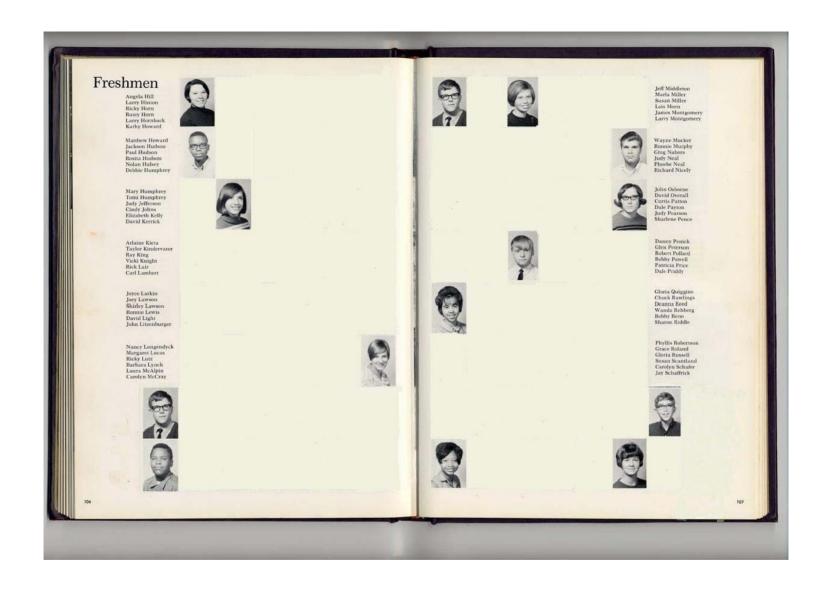
....70 graduate from high school....



....39 enter college....



....26 are still enrolled in the sophomore year....



...and 17 graduate from college.

Kentucky Statistics

- Only 10.7% of age 25 and older African-Americans have a bachelor's degree (US Census, 2000)
- Only 13% of age 25 and older Hispanics have a bachelor's degree (US Census, 2000)
- 4yr/6yr college graduation rates for AA are 14% & 24% For Hispanics-17% & 33%(Ed Trust, Education Watch 2006 State Summary)

Change in College Participation Rates for Students from Low Income Families by State FY2002 to FY2005

